

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 with the following paragraph:

One distinction between the environment of a distributed file system and a Web environment, which makes the present invention particularly useful, includes that in a Web environment, there is often only one source for changes for an object. Furthermore, in a Web environment, the types of object updates, e.g., one or multiple writers, ~~is~~ are often known at the time of object creation.